involving an investment of Rs. 1098 crores and employment of 10330 persons. Out of this, 11 units have already started functioning involving an investment of Rs. 86 crores and employment of 890 persons. Besides, 45 approvals have been granted for setting up food processing units in joint venture, foreign collaboration etc. in respect of proposals received from Karnataka during the same period. Out of this 11 units have already started functioning with a total project cost of Rs. 66 crores and employment of 1279 persons.

Solar Power Plant

3925. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations from some Members of Parliament and other persons during the last two years regarding setting up of Solar Power Plant in 'Gaya', Bihar;

(b) if so, the present status thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to solve the electricity problem of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has not received representations from Members of Parliament and other persons during the last two years for setting up of Solar Power Plant in 'Gaya', Bihar.

(c) It is proposed to add 1162 MW comprising of 32 MW hydro + 1130 thermal capacity in Bihar to improve the availability of power in Bihar during 9th Plan. The following important measures are being taken to improve the availability of power in Bihar :

(i) Renovation and Modernisation of thermal plants for improving the plant load factor;

(ii) Capacity addition to meet peaking shortage;

(iii) Demand management;

(iv) Energy conservation; and

(v) Reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses.

[English]

Thermal Power Plants

3926. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the working of the thermal power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the average installed capacity and actual power generated in each thermal power plants during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government have identified the problems of each thermal power plant; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to remove the bottlenecks which are responsible for decline in the power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). The Government constantly reviews the working of thermal power stations in the country. The Generation capacity and actual generation from each thermal power plant during the last three years are given in the attached Statements I and II.

(c) and (d). The Government have identified the problems of different thermal power plants and the various measures taken for optimum utilisation of installed capacity include (i) renovation and modernisation of old units (ii) assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking plant betterment programmes (iii) supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal (iv) training of O and M personnel and (v) strengthening of transmission and distribution systems.

STATEMENT-I

Station wise thermal power generation capacity

(Figures in MW)

Station	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
Badarpur	705.0	705.0	705.0
I.P. Station	277.5	277.5	277.5
Rajghat	135.0	135.0	135.0
Rajghat (Old)	14.0	14.0	14.0
DESU GT	180.0	214.0	282.0
Pampore GT	125.0	175.0	175.0
Faridabad	165.0	165.0	165.0
Panipat	650.0	650.0	650.0
Kota	50.0	850.0	850.0
Ramgarh GT		3.0	38.5
Anta GT	413.0	413.0	413.0
Bhatinda	440.0	440.0	440.0
Ropar	1260.0	1260.0	1260.0
Obra 1-13	1482.0	1482.0	1482.0
Panki	274.0	274.0	274.0
H Ganj A	90.0	90.0	90.0
H Ganj B and C	425.0	425.0	425.0
Paricha	220.0	220.0	220.0
Anpara	1130.0	1630.0	1630.0
Tanda	330.0	330.0	330.0